WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Spurt in Terrorist Activities

*302. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in terrorist activities during last one month;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature of terrorist attacks;

(c) the number of paramilitary personnel, civilians and terrorists killed and injured in these incidents; and

(d) the steps taken to avert such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per available information, there is no spurt in terrorist activities during the last one month. However, some major Pak sponsored terrorist incidents have occurred in J&K and Delhi during November, 2002. In these incidents, 13 Security personnel, 14 civilians and 6 terrorists were killed 35 Security personnel and 46 civilians were injured.

(d) From time to time, the Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about threat perception with regard to the activities of militant groups. Assistance is provided by the Central Government to States by way of deployment of para-military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State Police Forces. 32 militant organizations have been notified as Terrorist Organisations. Besides, the Government has set up Joint Working Groups with a number of countries to counter terrorism.

Projects for rural drinking water supply in Andhra Pradesh

*312. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of pilot projects of Rural Water Supply Programme in Chittoor, Khammam, Nalgonda, Nellore, Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh under rural drinking water component of Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY);